

[SECTION 22. INDEBTEDNESS LIMIT/BORROWING POWER.]**SECTION 16. GENERAL BORROWING AUTHORITY.**

a. *Authority and Limits.* The **[Mayor and]** Council may from time to time *authorize the Mayor to borrow upon the faith and credit of [said Town] the City* for general administration purposes and payment of its obligations, and for financing municipal improvements or purchases of property, structures, or equipment, and improvements authorized as benefit, assessment projects, such sum or sums of money as may be necessary, **[not to]** *provided that the total outstanding long-term indebtedness does not exceed at any one time a total of five (5%) per centum of the assessed valuation of the taxable real property in [said Town for tax purposes.] the City.*

b. *Approval of Borrowing.* The **[Mayor and Council are]** Council is prohibited from borrowing money for any purpose, except **[as provided in Section 15 of the City Charter,]** *for improvements for which a benefit assessment has been or will be levied to recover the entire cost of said improvements, unless first approved by a majority vote at a regular or special [Municipal] municipal election.* If the money to be borrowed is to be used for more than one specific purpose, each such purpose and the amount of money proposed for each shall be listed **[separately]** *as a separate question on the ballot.*

SECTION [19. BIDS] 18. PURCHASING AND CONTRACTS.

All purchases for the City government shall be made by the Mayor or by his delegate. The Council may provide by ordinance or policy for rules and regulations governing the use of competitive bidding for all City purchases. In all cases where any municipal work is to be done within the **[corporate limits of New Carrollton]** City, the estimated cost of which shall exceed the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000) Dollars, the Mayor **[and Council]** shall publicly invite proposals or bids for said work, to be received at a time and place to be made public at least five days before the date set, and *the Council shall in all cases award the contract for such work to the lowest or best bidder therefor, quality of goods and work, time of delivery or completion, and responsibility of bidders being considered.* **[reserving]** *The Council shall reserve at all times the right to reject any and all bids received, and whenever a bid is accepted, the [Mayor and] Council may require the successful bidder to furnish a bond at the expense of the successful bidder in a good and sufficient amount conditioned as may be required by the [said Mayor and] Council to insure the satisfactory completion of the work for which said bid is accepted, or a contract is awarded.* Whenever the Mayor **[and Council]** may be able to purchase material and/or employ labor by direct purchase, or employment at an amount less than the amount of the lowest bid for labor and/or material, after public invitation for bids as required by the provisions of this section, then in that event the Mayor **[and Council]** *with the approval of the Council* may undertake directly to purchase said materials and/or employ such labor as may be necessary to perform the municipal work as required. **[, provided however, that the Mayor and Council]** *The Mayor with the approval of the Council* may use such regular **[Town]** City employees and **[Town]** City equipment as it may have under its control for the performance of any work of whatever character necessary for street improvement or maintenance without regard to the expense thereof, and without advertising or inviting public bids as required by the provisions of this section, for such part of the work which